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Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A high loft flame resistant batting, comprising:

(a) a base layer comprising

- (i) 10 to 30 parts by weight heat resistant fibers,
- (ii) 35 to 55 parts by weight of a cellulose fiber that retains at least 10 percent of its fiber weight when heated in air to 700°C at a rate of 20 degrees C per minute, and
- (iii) 15 to 25 parts by weight binder material;

(b) a resilient layer comprising

- (i) ~~0 to 50 parts by weight~~ modacrylic fibers in an amount not to exceed 50 parts by weight,
- (ii) 50 to 85 parts by weight polyester fiber, and
- (iii) 15 to 25 parts by weight binder material;

the base layer comprising 20 to 70 parts by weight and the resilient layer comprising 80 to 30 parts by weight of the batting, based on the total weight of those two layers, the batting having a total thickness of 1.25 centimeters (0.5 inches) or greater.

2. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein the heat resistant fiber is an organic fiber that retains 90 percent of its fiber weight when heated in air to 500°C at a rate of 20 degrees C per minute.

3. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 2 wherein the heat-resistant fiber comprises a para-aramid, polybenzazole, polybenzimidazole, or polyimide polymer.

4. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 3 wherein the para-aramid is poly(paraphenylene terephthalamide).

5. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein the cellulose fiber is a viscose fiber containing silicic acid.

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6. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 having a total composite density of 0.33 to 2.0 pounds per cubic foot.
7. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 having a basis weight of 8 to 12 ounces per square yard.
8. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein modacrylic fibers are present in the resilient layer in the amount of 20 to 50 parts by weight.
9. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein polyester fibers are present in the resilient layer in the amount of 30 to 60 parts by weight.
10. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein heat resistant fibers are present in the base layer in the amount of 20 to 30 parts by weight.
11. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein cellulose fibers are present in the base layer in the amount of 40 to 50 parts by weight.
12. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein the base layer further contains polyester fibers in the amount of up to 15 parts by weight.
13. (Currently Amended) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein the base layer ~~further~~ contains modacrylic fibers in the an amount ~~of up to~~ not to exceed 5 parts by weight.
14. (Original) The high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 wherein the binder material is a binder fiber.
15. (Original) An article comprising the high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 as a fire blocking layer.
16. (Original) A mattress comprising the high loft flame resistant batting of claim 1 as a fire blocking layer.

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Claims 17-25 (Canceled).